(c) the number of small scale units that have been granted the amount; and

(d) the amount earmarked and spent so far under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The Scheme of reimbursement of ISO-9000 Certification Expenses to Small Scale Industries has been in operation since March, 1994. The scheme envisages reimbursement of 75% of expenses of acquiring ISO-9000 Certification or its equivalent limited to Rs.75,000/- in each case. The scheme has been extended up to 31st March, 2007.

(c) and (d) Since the launching of the scheme, 2398 small scale industries have been granted reimbursement for an amount of Rs.14.60 Crores up to 30th June, 2002. During 10th Plan, an allocation of Rs.40.50 Crores has been proposed.

Special mission satellite

1758. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special mission satellite christened 'Edusat' is being built to speed up the Nation's distance education revolution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time frame fixed for its launch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) A dedicated satellite called 'EDUSAT' for the nation's distance education programme is under planning. It will consist of about (i) 6 Ext-C band transponders and (ii) 5 Ku-band high power transponders-4 with regional coverage and 1 with India coverage. Realisation of EDUSAT will take about 18 months from the date of approval.

Utilization of MPLADS fund in Rajasthan

1759. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Members of Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan, who